



**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee & Animal Welfare Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

December 14, 2011 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm

1. This was a combined meeting of the two committees; there was a welcome and introduction by Ellen Smyth, Director of Environmental Services. Members were asked to introduce themselves and inform the audience of their affiliation.

<b>Board Member A.S.A.C.</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Janice Nutt	X	
Yoli Barbe	X	
Ira (Joe) Barbe	X	
Eddie Sandaval		X
Rene Leon	X	
Robert Melson	X	
Roger Freund		X
Patricia Gonzalez		X
Ann Morgan-Lilly		X
Dr. Bernie Page	X	

<b>Board Member A.W.A.C.</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Janice Nutt	X	
Yoli Barbe	X	
Betty Hoover	X	
Loretta Hyde	X	
Roxanne Flores	X	
Linda Krasowski	X	
Yolanda Giner		X
Charlie Hooten	X	
Steven Silver	X	

Environmental Services Staff present: Eduardo de Castro, Larry Brunt, Ellen Smyth, Joe Minjarez, Sandra Pellegrini, Trena Rocha, Hugo Navarro

Public present: John Cornwell, Regina Walker, Virginia Hooten, Terry Cespedes, Terry Dunavant, Marcia Margherio, Ken Okata, Spring Okata

2. Approval of Animal Shelter Advisory Committee November 17<sup>th</sup> minutes

The approval of minutes for A.S.A.C. of November 17<sup>th</sup> is going to be placed on hold until Mrs. Smyth gets an interpretation from City Legal on a "day to day" person in a shelter that is supposed to be on the A.S.A.C. membership. The discussion of the members does not result in a change.

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3. Approval of Animal Welfare Advisory Committee November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes

There was one correction of grammar in the A.W. A.C. minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> noted.

**Motion made by Betty Hoover to accept the minutes and Steven Silver seconded the motion.**

Ayes, Janice Nutt, Yoli Barbe, Betty Hoover, Roxanne Flores, Linda Krasowski, Charlie Hooten and Steven Silver

Nays, None

4. Update on Directional Signage

The update of the signage from the City of El Paso on the new freeway and exchange on Fred Wilson road that leads to Animal Services and the Humane Society is noted on the bulletin board. A short explanation of the signs and road was given by Ellen Smyth. Both committees are impressed with the progress.

5. Discussion on Revised Title Seven Ordinance to combine A.S.A.C. and A.W.A.C.

Ellen Smith read the revision of Title Seven on the combining of the two committees and the term limits served by the members. A plea by some members to abolish the "term limit" clause, which was mentioned that this is a city wide implementation on term limits for all committees and that their request will be taken into consideration.

**Motion made by Steven Silver and seconded by Janice Nutt to adopt the joining of the two committees with no term limits.**

**The A.S.A.C. members ask that they note a point of order by Bob Melson to also accept this union of the two committees.**

Ayes, Janice Nutt, Yoli Barbe, Betty Hoover, Roxanne Flores, Linda Krasowski, Charlie Hooten and Steven Silver

Nays, None

6. Discussion on Best Friends Animal Society TNR Grant

Larry Brunt gives information on a grant just applied for from the Best Friends of Animals Association. There is possibility of this being a multiple year; million dollar grant with great expectations and relief. The overall cooperation of citizen involvement with various city personnel is really showing a seamless approach to the betterment of our cause.

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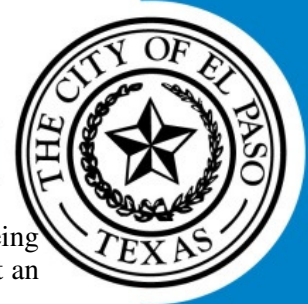
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Mr. Brunt also advised that the last State grant is in the final stages of being completed to further infuse the Pets Alive spay/neuter voucher program at an amount of 40 thousand dollars.

7. Discussion on charging a one dollar annual fee for un-neutered pets

Discussion on the possibility of charging a one dollar fee for an animal that is not spayed or neutered. As the discussions probe the points of the suggestion Mr. Hooten withdraws the item.

8. Call to Public

Regina Walker points out that, out-of state rabies vaccinations may or may not be inputted into any system, Veterinarian clinics not even taking information of where an animal is vaccinated nor the information of proof. Dr. Page will look into this.

9. Announcements

- Virginia Hooten mentions about the excellent article in Sunday's paper about Dr. Bernie Page and Dr. Ken Okata.
- John Conwell reminds the committees that Ann Lyndholm will be a guest speaker next month for Pets Alive. She is with Austin Pets Alive group; and all are invited to listen to her speak on foster programs.
- Janice Nutt reminds all that February is the month to remind the public about Spay/Neuter Day and that possibly the P.I.O. from Environmental Services could put out a press release for this very important event.

In closing remarks; Ellen Smyth reminds that the next meeting will be the Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at Animal Services at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Prepared by: Larry Brunt, Animal Services

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
A.S.A.C. Chair

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